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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

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Surface Transportation Board
ATTN: Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary
395 E Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20424

Re: Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 31X), Wisconsin Central Ltd.
- Abandonment Exemption - in Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Wisconsin Central Ltd. does not object to the request for an interim trail use and rail banking condition in the above-referenced proposed abandonment in the form that request is made by the County of Sawyer Wisconsin, acting through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in their June 9, 2009, correspondence to you, which correspondence is incorporated herein by reference. The railroad intends to negotiate for a possible interim trail use/rail banking agreement with the County of Sawyer Wisconsin.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Healey
Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
AB-303 (SUB-NO. 31X)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL LTD. --
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT--
IN HAYWARD, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN



**COUNTY OF SAWYER, WISCONSIN
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO
NEGOTIATE A NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

BACKGROUND

On a service date of December 19, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (the Board) served notice that Wisconsin Central, LTD (WCL) filed with the Surface Transportation Board a Notice of Exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10502 and the Board's regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50. That Notice of Exemption is for WCL's abandonment of a 1.80 - mile portion of its line of railroad between milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60 in the City of Hayward, County of Sawyer, Wisconsin. This portion of the line traverses United State Postal Service Zip Code 54843.

On November 29, 2007, the County of Sawyer (CSW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of WCL railroad from milepost 100.80 to milepost 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles.

The Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, which was served on December 19, 2007, allowing CSW until June 16, 2008, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL.

On June 16, 2008, the Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, allowing CSW and WCL until December 13, 2008, to negotiate a rail banking agreement with WCL. On December 19, 2008, the Board issued an NITU under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 allowing CSW and WCL until June 11, 2009 to negotiate a rail banking agreement.

The Forestry Committee of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution requesting an additional extension of the negotiating period on Monday, June 8, 2009. Negotiations are currently continuing in good faith between CSW and WCL. However, more time is needed to finalize negotiations. WCL is agreeable to an extension of time to continue negotiations under an NITU condition for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 and 102.60.

MOTION

Therefore, CSW moves that the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement be extended for 180 days for the rail corridor between milepost 100.80 to 102.60, a total of approximately 1.80 miles in the City of Hayward, in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing Request for NITU extension in regards to **AB303 31X**, by electronic mail, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1104.12, this 9th day of June 2009, on all parties of record on the service list.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen Chung", is written over a horizontal line.

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